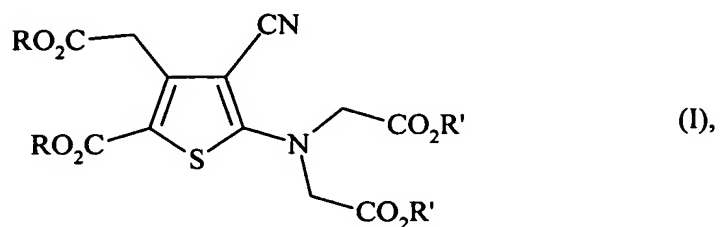


**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The process for the industrial synthesis of compounds of formula (I) :



5 wherein R and R', which are the same or different, each represent linear or branched (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl.

Application to the synthesis of bivalent salts of ranelic acid and more especially strontium ranelate and its hydrates.